GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Percentage of Electricity Connected Villages
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of household electricity connections in the country, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether it is true that more than 35 percent homes have no electricity connection in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether the Government is taking any time bound measures to provide electricity connections to all households in the country, and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) : As per the census 2011, there were 16.78 crore rural households in the country, out of which 9.28 crore households had access to electricity. State-wise details are given at Annex. Under Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), free electricity connection is provided to all the eligible BPL households and access of electricity is created for APL households. DDUGJY envisages electrification of all census villages. All the remaining un-electrified census villages are targeted for electrification by May, 2018. Under the scheme, BPL Households are provided free electricity connection. APL Households have to take electricity connections from respective State Power Utilities. Government of India has taken a joint initiative of "Power for All" which includes the target of providing access to electricity to all households by the year 2022 in a phased manner.

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